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In re Application of: John Y. Chen)

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For: IMPROVED CRYSTAL GELS, COMPOSITES
AND ARTICLES)

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RESPONSE AFTER FIRST ACTION

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In response to the Official Letter of December 13, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be reexamined and reconsidered in view of the following election, claim amendments and remarks.

Prior to examination on the merits, please add the following new claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

(new claim) 10. A composite comprising a gel composition, G_n , formed from

(i) 100 parts by weight of one or more hydrogenated styrene isoprene/butadiene block copolymers exhibiting sufficient crystallinity, wherein said block copolymer is a high viscosity copolymer having a viscosity value at 5 weight percent solution in toluene at 30°C of about 90 cps and higher which corresponds to a viscosity at 10 weight percent of about 5800 cps and higher which

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